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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 3901
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Aiko MATSUDA, et al.)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/648,633)	Group Art Unit: 2625
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Filed: August 27, 2003)	Examiner: Yixing Qin

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING WRITING SPACE MODE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007 is due by January 12, 2008.
The Action required restriction between two (Groups I and II) patentably distinct inventions.

Applicants hereby elect Group I of claims 1-3, drawn to an image forming apparatus, for examination in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claim in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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